

## **ELA 7 Companion Book Contents**

A companion book is a text written in response to a novel or nonfiction work. It's purpose is to process any thoughts that occurred during or after reading, to understand more deeply the literary concepts and techniques used by the author, and to share ideas discovered during analysis. The contents of your companion book should include the following:

### **Introduction:**

Summary of the book and introduce a breakdown of chapters.

### **Chapter 1: Analysis of Themes**

Identify and analyze the various themes/big ideas found in the book. Cite specific details and examples to support each theme/topic.

### **Chapter 2: Character Development**

Discuss the main character of the story. What experiences, events, conversations, conflicts, revelations, etc. does he/she face from the beginning of the book to the end?

### **Chapter 3: Character Relationships**

How do each of the characters interact in the story? Pick several significant character relationships to discuss. What type of relationships do you see? Are they healthy? Do they help the character grow or help propel the story forward? Why might the author have included these relationships in the storyline?

### **Chapter 4: Setting**

Discuss the significance of the setting or settings to the story. What is the time period? Where is the location? What season is it? How do each of the elements of setting affect what happens throughout the story?

### **Conclusion:**

Provide a final analysis of the book and give a brief review of it.